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MAILSTOP PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): COUPLING DEVICE

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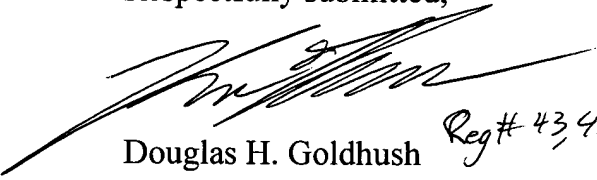
- ☒ 33 pages of Specification/Claims 1-19/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-12; 12 sheets) are attached.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and 5 reference(s).
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. PCT/IB02/04007 filed September 27, 2002 in WIPO is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- ☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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